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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASUREMENT OF BINDING
BETWEEN A PROTEIN AND A NUCLEOTIDE**

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THIRD STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

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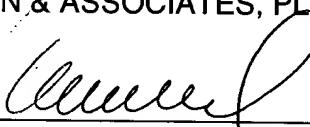
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